Pursuant to Administrative Code Section 27-131, the following equipment or material has been found acceptable for use subject to the terms and conditions contained herein.

**MEA 326-06-M**

**Manufacturer:** The Steel Network, Inc 3221 Wellington Court, Raleigh, NC 27615 Telephone Number: 919-845-1025 Fax: 919-845-1028

**Trade Name(s):** VertiClip® VertiTrack®

**Product:**
- VertiClip® SLD (SLD150, SLD250, SLD358, SLD400, SLD600, SLD800)
- VertiTrack® VTD (VTD250, VTD358, VTD400, VTD600, VTD800)

**Pertinent Code Section(s):** 27-323, 27-324

**Prescribed Test(s):** RS 5-2 (ASTM E119)

**Laboratory:** Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.

**Test Report(s):** UL Report R19248/00NK2698

**Description** – VertiClip® SLD is a 20 gauge clip which connects the interior drywall studs at the head condition (top of wall) to the deck or primary frame while allowing for a total vertical deflection of up to 1½” (¾” up and ¾” down). VertiClip’s unique design provides both an anti-friction and anti-seizure connection between the clip and the stud web surface thereby preventing a transfer of vertical forces into drywall partition wall framing. VertiTrack® VTD is composed of VertiClip SLD pre-attached to a top 20 gauge runner track at pre-designated stud spacing. UL approved for fire-rated partitions. VertiClip, SLD150, SLD250, SLD358, SLD400, SLD600, SLD800, including step bushings for use with light gauge steel framing, utilizing standard ceiling runners or generic deflection channels, in dynamic head-of-wall joint systems with maximum movement capabilities of ¾ in. compression and ¾ in. extension.

Note: In accordance with Section 27-131 (d), all materials tested and accepted for use shall be subject to a periodic retesting as determined by the commissioner; and any material which upon retesting is found not to comply with code requirements or the requirements set forth in the approval of the commissioner shall cease to be acceptable for the use intended. During the period for such retesting, the commissioner may require the use of such material to be restricted or discontinued if necessary to secure safety.

Terms and Conditions: That the above material be accepted as part of Fire Resistance Assemblies listed above, provided the following conditions are complied with:

1. Structural requirements shall comply with Article 10, Reference Standard RS 10-3 and other applicable provisions of the Building Code.

2. The acceptance of this assembly is limited to fire resistance only. Structural and other requirements shall be in accordance with pertinent Building Code, Underwriters Laboratories and Manufacturer’s requirements.

All shipments and deliveries of such materials shall be accompanied by a certificate or label certifying that the materials shipped or delivered are equivalent to those tested and acceptable for use, as provided for in Section 27-131 of the Building Code.

Final Acceptance [Signature: May 25, 2006]

Examined By [Signature: Simon Dereka]